

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Elder's Commission

4th Quarterly Report

October – November - December
2018



Commissioners

Richard Wemigwase, Chairman

Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman

Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary

JoAnn Carey, Treasurer

Currently one (1) vacant position

The Elder's Commission meetings are open meetings and the Commission encourages membership attendance and participation.

The Elder's Commission meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday of each month, meetings begin at 5 p.m. unless posted otherwise. All meetings are held at the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Government Center in Conference Room 312, unless otherwise stated.

The Elders Commission and Elders Department Director have established a line of communication to discuss issues and concerns of the Elders Department and Community members. The Elder's Commission will continue to work with the Department to address, review and discuss department issues and concerns. The Commission will assist and support the department in reaching resolution wherever possible and work to strive with LTBB membership's best interest in mind.

Meetings attended by the Elders Commission:

- October 3, 2018 Regular Elders Commission Meeting
- October 8-10, 2018 MIEA Quarterly Conference – Host Tribe Grand Traverse Band, Traverse City, MI
- November 7, 2018 Regular Elders Commission Meeting
- November 8, 2018 Tribal Council Meeting regarding the Wagankising Odawak Statute Elders' Food, Utilities and Medical Costs Statute for Tribal Council vote utilizing a tiered by age guidelines proposed by Dexter McNamara, Tribal Councilor.
- November 27, 2018 Tribal Council Work Session
- December 5, 2018 Regular Elders Commission Meeting – meeting was canceled due to no quorum would be present.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

- January 2, 2019 Regular Elders Commission Meeting
- February 6, 2019 Regular Elders Commission Meeting

- March 6, 2019 Regular Elders Commission Meeting

The Elders Commission accepted a letter of resignation from Janice Shackelford on October 3, 2018. The Elders Commission would like to thank Janice for her years of service on the Elders Commission as Treasurer, she will be missed. On behalf of LTBB the Elders Commission would like to wish Janice Shackelford the very best on her future endeavors.

At this time there is a vacant position on the elder's commission that has not had a appointment made by Tribal Council. If you are interested in being appointed to the elder's commission position please contact LTBB Executive Office and submit your letter of interest.

The Michigan Indian Elders Association April Conference will be hosted by Lac View Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Watersmeet, Michigan. The Elders Commission has at least 1 (one) commissioner attend these meetings, do not have the exact dates for the conference as of this report date.

The Elders Commission was made aware of the Wagankising Odawak Stature, Elders' Food, Utilities and Medical Costs Statute on November 7, 2018. The Elders' Commission prepared a statement to be read at the November 7, 2018 Tribal Council meeting opposing the age tiered system. The Elders' Commission proposed that Tribal Council not approve the statue as written. The Elders Commission recommended that the Wagankising Odawak Statute Elders' Food, Utilities and Medical Costs Statute payment be increase be made to all Tribal Elders' 55 years of age or older.

The Elders Commission attended the November 26, 2018 Tribal Council Work Session to again address Tribal Council Members regarding the Wagankising Odawak Stature, Elders' Food, Utilities and Medical Costs Statute that was sponsored by Tribal Councilor, Dexter McNamara. At the time of submission of this report the

Wagankising Odawak Stature, Elders' Food, Utilities and Medical Costs Statute has not been approved by Tribal Council.

The Elders Commission continues to hold raffles with funds from the last raffle collected to go towards a service dog for a young tribal member. JoAnn Carey, Treasurer for the Elders Commission continues collect items for distribution to elders outside of the area.

The commissioners are dedicated to establishing a line of communication with the Elders Department and assist the department to the best of our abilities in the future.

The commissioners would like to thank Tribal Council for their appointments to the Elder's Commission and wish you a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

The Elders Commission looks forward to the upcoming new year to be a productive and communitive year regarding LTBB Tribal Elders and Tribal Council.

